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In re the Application of

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For: PROCESS FOR ISOLATING A TARGET BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL, CAPTURE PHASE, DETECTION PHASE AND REAGENT

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.11 **RECEIVED**

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Sir:

As a preliminary matter, Applicants respectfully point out that the present Office Action was issued based on the incorrect set of pending claims. In particular, the present Office Action addressed only original claims 1-25, rather than amended claims 1-32.

The present application was filed on October 15, 1999, including original claims 1-24. However, concurrent with the application, Applicants filed a translation of the Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report ("IPER Annexes"), which included amended pages of the specification and amended claims 1-32. Further, Applicants also concurrently filed a Preliminary Amendment, which included further amendments to amended claims 1-32. Although the Notification of Acceptance did not acknowledge receipt of the IPER Annexes, it did acknowledge receipt of the Preliminary Amendment. Applicants filed a Request for Corrected Notification of Acceptance to obtain acknowledgement of the filing of the IPER Annexes.